

# BLM Gears Up for Eastern Interior Resource Management Plan

In 2008 the BLM began working on a resource management plan (RMP) for the Eastern Interior Field Office, which includes the White Mountains National Recreation Area, Steese National Conservation Area, Fortymile and upper Black River areas.

The planning area covered by the RMP is shown on the map. Resource management plans provide the BLM with comprehensive, long-term direction concerning the use and management of resources on BLM-managed public lands.

The Eastern Interior RMP will establish goals and objectives for managing resources, and will outline the measures needed to achieve those goals and objectives. It will identify lands available for certain uses, along with any restrictions on those uses, and will identify lands closed to certain uses.

When the BLM develops an RMP, an environmental impact statement (EIS) is also required. The EIS will analyze the environmental effects of the proposed management actions.



The planning process will take about three years to complete. There will be multiple opportunities for you to be involved—from identifying issues to commenting on draft plans. In coming months the BLM will let you know more about opportunities for your involvement and input into the planning process. More information will be available soon on our Web Site at <http://www.blm.gov/ak>.

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